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FROM THE EDITOR

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Greetings to all of our friends and family from TMI and the outreach local chapters. Hard to believe it is already late spring of 2016. As the LCN Leadership Council has been considering a series of questions about local chapters and how they can best serve their communities, I've taken a bit of time to reflect on our local chapter a bit. We started the Las Vegas Chapter almost three years ago. We've grown a bit over time and enjoy welcoming new people to the binaural beat hemi- sync® technology as a sophisticated way to enhance the expansion of consciousness.

Participants universally describe a positive experience: either from the relaxation experience itself, the group sharing, or Alicia's handcrafted food that could usually feed double the people who sign up. Even so, the number of attendees can easily range from 2 to 12 depending on the week, with meetup group total membership numbers in the high thirties.

The challenge, for local group leaders is how to plan an infrastructure for that degree of variance of attendance. Life, of course, is busy for all of us, but I wonder what actually goes into the decision to attend an evening experience or not.

I can't say that I know the answer to that, as each potential attendee brings their own life complexities to the choice. But, I do know what drives my wife and I to continue with leading the local group experience, though.

We find ourselves truly blessed to meet some wonderful consciousness explorers in our local group, and know that seeing them twice a month is a highlight of the month. Finding these fellow psychospiritual travelers has really been the most amazing byproduct of holding the group that exceeded any of our expectations. What special and wonderful people we've shared time with in this unique venue. And absent this group, there is little chance many of us would have ever met.

As the organization of TMI moves to test new online courses and online technology for the local chapter networks, it will be very interesting to observe the experiences of individuals who have never attended a live event, either at TMI or in a local chapter. Although it's great to make this available to so many in need who may have difficulty with travel, there remains a real missing component in losing the late night discussions and bonding that are part of the structure of a residential workshop.

We have found that just as with the local meetings, we attend residential workshops at TMI usually for the announced topic of the week. But we always find ourselves surrounded by friends, new and old, which make the actual experience so much more meaningful.

Our evolution into an ever more exotic digital age, even with the technology of consciousness exploration, provides a temptation towards isolation while having miraculous experiences.

But Joseph Campbell had it quite right when he described the Hero's Journey, or the MonoMyth: after the adventure where the hero is transformed by the journey, the final task is to reground the experience by bringing it back into the world. By sharing. By communicating. By grounding in journals, art creation, music. And one of the most deeply moving ways of bringing it back is to act as a beacon of light for others.